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1. The headquarters of the Dalmor state fishing concern is situated on ulica Hryniewskiego 14, Gdynia. Jan Soltan, a Pole, is general manager. Dalmor controls over 75 large trawlers of 400-600 GRT, all equipped for deep sea fishing and intended to carry a crew of 20-30 each, according to size. Actually the crews are often as much as one third below strength.
2. In addition to these trawlers, Dalmor has two parent ships, the MORSKA WOLA and the STALOWA WOLA, anchored somewhere in the North Sea as floating docks, which receive the catches and refuel the trawlers so that they do not need to return to Poland after each catch.
3. Trawlermen can earn 1,000 - 1,500 zloty per month against the 350-550 earned by men at the shore bases. They also get consistently good food, and free provision of working clothes and padded jackets.
4. Dalmor as yet employs no women at sea although there are many working on the small trawlers controlled by Arka (also a state fishing concern) and operating in the Baltic. Many women are, however, employed ashore by Dalmor in jobs previously filled by men, e.g., trawler and net repairing.
5. Most of Dalmor's trawlers were captured from the Germans or confiscated from private owners, and not a few (including the SLOWICK and SOJKA) were wrecks salvaged from the harbors. Some small trawlers and larger cutters are built at Gdynia and in the Elblag (Elbing) yard, which is particularly well and newly equipped.
6. The Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) Fishing Base which is partly surrounded by barbed wire is constantly being enlarged, but all work progresses slowly on account of the shortage of labor. The dock, which is at present 400 meters long, 200 meters wide, and six meters deep, is to be lengthened by a further 200 to 300 meters. Most of the digging is done by small excavating machines.

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7. Between the new large refrigerator plant and the harbor canal a large canning factory is being built for preserving fish and meat. The main building is somewhat over 50 meters long, about 30 meters wide, and will be at least two stories high. This factory, to be completed in 1954, only represents a part of the proposed large factory to be built a little to the south of the above mentioned base, on a site measuring 200 x 800 meters. The foundations, which are in swampy ground, are expected to be ready in early 1954. The Szczecin Building Enterprises, a state controlled building firm, is responsible for the work.
8. In the refrigerator plant there is a new department in which the fish are frozen "dry" in a temperature of -70° within one half hour, and ready for transport elsewhere. Neither fresh nor frozen fish are available in Swinoujscie or other parts of Poland; much of it goes to the Soviet army in Poland and East Germany and much to East Germany and Czechoslovakia.
9. The refrigerator plant is five stories high and has 13 separate chambers of approximately the same size, 60 x 100 x 3.5 meters. It is used for fish and meat, and can take fairly large stocks. It provides 117 tons of artificial ice daily, which is also sent to Gdynia and Kolobrzeg (Kolberg).
10. At the beginning of 1953 the fishing base employed about 2,100 people and was constantly trying to get more. All the buildings mentioned above are situated south of the Polish-Swedish ferry station, on the eastern side of the harbor canal. The repair station for trawlers and cutters (Baza Remontowa), which either belongs to or at least works for Dalmor, is also situated here.

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